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January 15, 2002

Mr. Thomas F. Maxwell, III  
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Washington, D.C. 20463

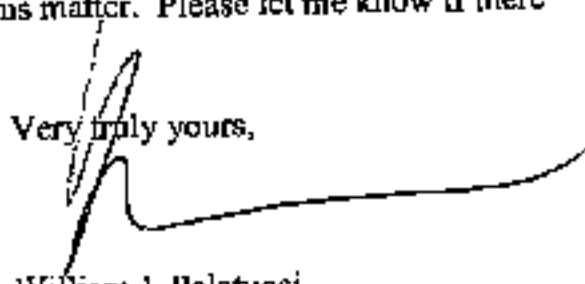
Dear Mr. Maxwell:

In response to your letter of October 17, 2001, I am submitting FEC Form 1M, which indicates that BergenFirst qualified as a multi-candidate committee on July 2, 2000. We apologize for this oversight.

While BergenFirst filed its FEC Form 1 on May 31, 1995, we cannot determine the exact date of the receipt of its 51<sup>st</sup> contributor. From an examination of the Committee's bank statements, it is clear that this contribution was received during 1997, well before the July 10, 2000 contribution triggering the need for multi-candidate status.

Also, please note that we are in the process of closing this committee due to lack of interest and activity. We expect to have the account closed and final report issued in the first quarter of 2002. I appreciate your assistance with this matter. Please let me know if there are any other open items.

Very truly yours,

  
William J. Palatucci  
Deputy Treasurer

CC: Phil White, Treasurer

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# NOTIFICATION OF MULTICANDIDATE STATUS

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This form should be filed after the Committee qualifies as a multicandidate committee.

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1. (a) NAME OF COMMITTEE IN FULL  Bergen First		2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  C00303347
(b) Number and Street Address  P.O. Box 4197		
(c) City, State and ZIP Code  River Edge, NJ 07661		
		3. TYPE OF COMMITTEE (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> STATE PARTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

I certify that one of the following situations is correct (complete line 4 or 5):

4. **STATUS BY AFFILIATION:** The committee submitted its Statement of Organization (FEC FORM 1) on June 1995 and simultaneously qualified as a multicandidate committee through its affiliation with:

Committee Name: Bergen First

FEC Identification Number: C00303347

## 5. STATUS BY QUALIFICATION:

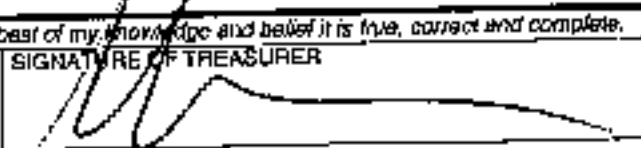
- (a) **Candidates:** The committee has made contributions to the five (5) federal candidates listed below (ONLY State party committees may leave this blank.):

	Name	Office Sought	State/District	Date
(i)	Kathe Donovan	Congress	NJ9	9-30-96
(ii)	Marge Roukema	Congress	NJ5	9-30-96
(iii)	Dick Zimmer	Senate	NJ	9-30-96
(iv)	George Bush	President		3-31-99
(v)	Joe Tedeschi	Congress	NJ9	7-2-00

- (b) **Contributors:** The committee received a contribution from its 51st contributor xxx in 1997.

- (c) **Registration:** The committee has been registered for at least 6 months. FEC FORM 1 was submitted on: May 31, 1995

- (d) **Qualification:** The committee met the above requirements on: 7-2-2000


I certify that I have examined this Statement and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.		DATE
TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF TREASURER <u>Wm. J. Palatucci</u>	SIGNATURE OF TREASURER 	<u>1-15-02</u>

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